

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(D)(1)(B)

TO: Hon. Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler Ed.D
Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 20, 2004

FROM: George M. [Signature]
County Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Disbursement
of Funds from the Biscayne Bay
Environmental Enhancement Trust
Fund for Manatee Preservation
Activities

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board authorize disbursement of a maximum of \$150,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for manatee preservation activities in Biscayne Bay and adjoining water bodies.

BACKGROUND

Statewide manatee mortalities continue to reach record levels. Human activities account for half of all known causes of manatee death in Florida, and for almost 2/3 of those in Miami-Dade County. These causes include vessel collisions, death in flood control gates, entrapment in storm drainage structures, entanglement in fishing line and poaching.

In response to the increase in manatee deaths, the Florida Governor and Cabinet mandated that 13 counties develop comprehensive manatee protection plans; the Dade County Manatee Protection Plan was approved by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners in November 1995 and by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in December 1995. The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners incorporated the Dade County Manatee Protection Plan (Plan) into Chapter 24-58.3 by ordinance in October 1996. In order to implement recommendations in the Plan, the Department of Environmental Resources and Management (DERM) must continue activities including manatee rescue and carcass verification, surveys of manatee and boat travel patterns, promoting awareness of manatee boating regulations, development of multilingual educational materials, and other manatee related projects. DERM staff will bring data and maps in the Manatee Protection Plan current, through 2003. Preservation and rehabilitation of indigenous endangered species and their habitats are consistent with the goals and intent of the Biscayne Bay Trust Fund Ordinance as described in Section 7-5.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. It is therefore recommended that up to \$150,000 be disbursed from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for County and outside technical services and materials necessary to preserve and protect endangered manatees and their habitats.

[Signature]
Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Hon. Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 20, 2004

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FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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1-20-04

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT
OF FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 FROM THE
BISCAYNE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL
ENHANCEMENT TRUST FUND FOR MANATEE
PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board pursuant to Section 7-5.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, hereby authorizes the disbursement of funds not to exceed \$150,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to be used for manatee preservation activities.

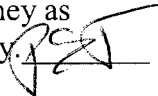
The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____,
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson	
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss	Dorrin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of January, 2004. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. 
Peter S. Tell

By: _____
Deputy Clerk